GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Higher Education Department – Rules - The Andhra Pradesh Common Entrance Tests for admission into Professional and other Courses - Comprehensive amendments to Common Entrance Test Rules in the Educational Institutions in the State - Notification - Orders - Issued.

HIGHER EDUCATION (EC) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 21 **Dated: 12-05-2025**

Read the following:-

1. A.P. Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) Order, 1974 issued in G.O.Ms.No.453, G.A. (SPF.B) Department dated 03.07.1974 as amended from time to time.
2. G.O.Ms.No.25, Higher Education (EC) Department, dt:19-03-2004.
3. G.O.Ms.No.26, Higher Education (UE.II(2)) Department, dt:24-03-2004.
4. G.O.Ms.No.72, Education (SE.TRG.I) Department, dt:05-07-2004.
5. G.O.Ms.No.164, Education (TRG.2)Department, dt:17-11-2004.
6. G.O.Ms.No.52, Higher Education (UE.II) Dept., dated 20-06-2007.
7. G.O.Ms.No.54, Higher Education (EC-2) Dept., dt:21-06-2007.
8. G.O.Ms.No.57, Higher Education (EC.2) Dept., dt:12-05-2008.
9. G.O.Ms.No.73, Higher Education (EC.2) Dept., dt:28 -07-2011.
10. G.O.Ms.No.44, Higher Education (EC) Department, dt:23-08-2021.
11. G.O.Ms.No.03, Higher Education (EC) Department, dt:09-01-2024.
12. From the Secretary, APSCHE Lr. No. APSCHE-CETS-Test & Admin.-Amendement-2025, Dt :17-03-2025.

ORDER:

The State of Andhra Pradesh has been bifurcated as State of Telangana and State of Andhra Pradesh through the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 (Act 6 of 2014). In the Sections 3 & 4 of the said Act, the territories of Telangana and Andhra Pradesh have been defined respectively. As per the Section 4 of the said Act, on and from the appointed day, the State of Andhra Pradesh shall comprise the territories of the existing State of Andhra Pradesh other than those specified in Section-3.

2. Section-95 of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act, 2014 (No. 6 of 2014) states that the existing admission quotas in all government and private institutions, whether aided or unaided, for higher and technical education, as governed by Article 371-D of the Constitution, shall continue as such for a period of ten years from the appointed day of bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh during which the existing common admission process shall continue.

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3. In the reference 12th read above, the Secretary, APSCHE has reported that in order to protect the interests of the students hailing from the State of Andhra Pradesh, appropriate measures have to be taken in admission to under Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D. courses (Regular / Lateral entry) (Engineering, Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Pharm.D, Business Administration, Computer Applications, Law, Education and Physical Education). Now that the period of ten years since bifurcation of State during which the common admission process was followed has been completed by 2nd June 2024 in all Government or Private, Aided or Unaided institutions of Higher and Technical Education.

4. Therefore, it is necessary to amend the Common Entrance Test Rules for Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D., courses (Regular / Lateral entry) (Engineering, Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Pharm.D, Business Administration, Computer Applications, Law Education and Physical Education), issued in G.Os vide references 2nd to 11th read above and as subsequently amended from time to time.

5. Upon receipt of several representations from the parents and students of Andhra Pradesh to do justice to Andhra Pradesh students for admission into various courses and also to avoid the legal complications in admission process, the Government after careful examination of the matter, hereby decided to issue amendments to the Entrance Test rules of Professional and other courses. These amendments (as a temporary measure) shall come into force with immediate effect for conducting Entrance Tests for the academic year 2025-26 only to the said courses. Necessary steps are being taken by the concerned Department to make amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of admissions) Order, 1974 immediately.

6. Accordingly, the following notification will be published in the Andhra Pradesh Gazette, Dated: 12-05-2025

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred under Sections 3, 3A, 4 and 15 of the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admission and Prohibition of Capitation Fee) Act 1983 (Act No.5 of 1983), the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby make the following amendments (as a temporary measure) to the existing Entrance Test Rules of Under Graduate, Post Graduate and Ph.D. courses (Regular / Lateral entry) Engineering, Technology, Pharmacy, Architecture, Pharm. D, Business Administration, Computer Applications, Law Education and Physical Education for conducting Entrance Tests for the academic year 2025-26 only:-

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AMENDMENTS

1. For rule 3 (ii) of (i) the Andhra Pradesh Physical Education Conduct of Common Entrance Test for Admission into Bachelor of Physical Education (B.P.Ed) and Under Graduation Diploma in Physical Education (U.G.D.P.Ed) Courses Rules, 2004; (ii) the Andhra Pradesh Engineering Common Entrance Test for Diploma and B.Sc. Degree Holders (ECET/ECET-AC) for admission into second year Under Graduate Courses in Engineering / Pharmacy Rules, 2008; (iii) the Andhra Pradesh LAW Common entrance Test Rules, 2004 for entry into 3 year and 5 year LLB or B.L. Courses;

2. For rule 3(2) of (i) the Andhra Pradesh Common Entrance Test for entry into Engineering, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Medical, Dental and Pharm.D Courses Rules, 2011; (ii) the Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Engineering including Technology / Pharmacy / Architecture and Planning Courses Common Entrance Test Rules, 2007; (iii) The Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Law courses Common Entrance Test Rules, 2007;

3. For rule 3(i) of the Andhra Pradesh Integrated Common Entrance Test for admission into M.B.A and M.C.A Professional Courses, Rules, 2004;

4. For rule 3(II) of the Andhra Pradesh conduct of Education Common Entrance Test for Admission into B.Ed., Course Rules, 2004;

5. For rule 2(I) (1) (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Post Graduate Common Entrance Test (APPGCET) and Admission Rules, 2021;

6. For rule 5.3 (ii) of the Andhra Pradesh Research Common Entrance Test and Admissions of Students into Ph.D. Programmes in Science/ Arts/ Humanities/ Social Sciences/ Fine Arts/ Education/ Physical Education / Library Sciences/ Commerce and Management/ Engineering and Technology / Architecture and Planning/ Law/ Pharmaceutical Sciences, etc., Rules, 2023, the following shall be substituted, namely, -

"(1) Region- wise Reservation of seats: Admission to 85% of the seats in each course shall be reserved for the local candidates of Andhra Pradesh. The remaining 15% of the seats shall be un-reserved seats for candidates of local/non local areas to be filled as per the following Explanation.

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Explanation: For purpose of these rules, -

(i) Local Areas means:

(a) **Andhra University Area:** The part of the State comprising the erstwhile districts of Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Visakhapatnam, East Godavari, West Godavari, Krishna, Guntur and Prakasam shall be regarded as the Local Area for the purpose of admission to the Dr.B.R.Amdekar University, JNTU Vizianagaram, Andhra University, JNTU Kakinada, Adikavi Nannaya University, Krishna University, Acharya Nagarjuna University and Andhra Kesari University and to any other educational institutions (other than a state-wide university or state-wide educational institution) which is subject to the control of the State Government and is situated in that part.

(b) **Sri Venkateswara University Area:** The part of the State comprising the erstwhile districts of Anantapur, Kurnool, Chittoor, Cuddapah and Nellore shall be regarded as the Local Area for the purpose of admission to the Vikram Simhapuri University, Sri Venkateswara University, Yogi Vemana University, Rayalseema University, Cluster University (K.V.R. Government College for Women, Kurnool and Government Degree College for Men, Kurnool only), Sri Krishnadevaraya University and JNTU Anantapuramu and to any other educational institutions (other than a state-wide university or state-wide educational institution) which is subject to the control of the State Government and is situated in that part.

(ii) The Local Candidate means:

(A) A candidate for admission shall be regarded as a local candidate in relation to a local area. -

(a) If he/she has studied in educational Institution or educational Institutions in such local area for a period of not less than four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or as the case may be, first appeared in the relevant qualifying examination, or

(b) Where, during the whole or any part of the four consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in any educational Institutions, if he/she has resided in that local area for a period of not less than four years immediately preceding the date of commencement of the relevant qualifying examination in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared.

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(B) A candidate for admission to the Course who is not regarded as local candidate under clause (A) in relation to any local area shall, -

(a) If he/she has studied in educational Institutions in the State for a period of not less than seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination be regarded as a local candidate in relation to, -

(i) Such local area where he/she has studied for the maximum period out of said period of seven years, or

(ii) Where the period of his/her study in two or more local areas are equal, such local area, where he/she has studied last in such equal period, or

(b) If, during the whole or any part of seven consecutive academic years ending with the academic year in which he/she appeared or, as the case may be, first appeared for the relevant qualifying examination, he/she has not studied in the educational Institutions in any local area, but has resided in the State during the whole of the said period of seven years, be regarded as a local candidate in relation to, -

(i) Such local area where he/she has resided for the maximum period out of the said period of seven years, or

(ii) Where the periods of his/her residence in two or more local areas are equal, such local area where he/she has resided last in such equal periods.

(C) The following categories of candidates are eligible to apply for admission to the remaining 15% of un-reserved seats:

(a) All the candidates eligible to be declared as local candidates in two local areas of Andhra Pradesh.

(b) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of 10 years excluding periods of study outside the State or either of whose parents have resided in the State for a total period of ten years excluding period of employment outside the State.

(c) Candidates who are children of parents who are in the employment of this State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and other similar quasi-public Institutions, within the State.

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(d) Candidates who are spouses of those in the employment of the State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities and Educational Institutions recognized by the Government or University OR other competent authority and similar quasi–Government Institutions within the State.

(D) If a local candidate in respect of a local area is not available to fill any seat reserved or allocated in favour of a local candidate in respect of that local area, such seat shall be filled if it had not been reserved.

(2) State wide Universities/institutions:

1. Sri Padmavathi Mahila Viswa Vidyalayam (SPMVV), Tirupati
2. Dravidian University (DU), Kuppam
3. Dr. Abdul Haq Urdu University (AHUU)-Kurnool
4. Dr. YSR Architecture & Fine Arts University, Kadapa
5. Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies
6. Silver Jubilee Government College of Cluster University

In these universities, admissions to 85% of available seats shall be reserved in favour of local candidates of Andhra University and Sri Venkateswara University regions in the ratio of 65.62 and 34.38 respectively. The rest of 15% of the seats shall be un-reserved for candidates of local/non local areas to be filled as per the item (ii) (C) under the above Explanation.

Note: The above Explanation shall be followed until make necessary amendments to the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulation of Admissions) order 1974, wherever the concerned rules required for local and Non-local status in the above said Entrance Test Rules in this Academic Year 2025-26."

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

KONA SASIDHAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Commissioner of Printing & Stationery, Andhra Pradesh,
Vijayawada, (with a request to publish in the Extraordinary
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The Secretary, A.P. State Council of Higher Education (APSCHE),
Mangalagiri.
The Member-Secretary & CEO, A.P. Higher Education Regulatory and
Monitoring Commission (APHER&MC), Tadepalli, Guntur District.
The Commissioner of Technical Education, A.P., Mangalagiri.

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The Registrars of all Universities in the State under the administrative control of Higher Education Department.

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The PS to Chief Secretary, Chief Secretary Office, AP Secretariat.
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